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10 CITY OF TEMPE STAFF:

11 GREG JORDAN, Transit Administrator  
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## 1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 (Whereupon, opening remarks were made.)

3 (Whereupon, the following public comments  
4 were made:)

5 MR. JORDAN: Can everyone hear me okay? Carlos  
6 de Leon? Where is Carlos? I'm going to need somebody  
7 to just keep time. We want to try to keep this to about  
8 five minutes per person. Carlos was going to do that  
9 for us, but maybe Amanda can help us. So about five  
10 minutes per person, and we'll just kind of casually time  
11 everyone to make sure we have enough time for everyone  
12 who wanted to speak to get in the record. Be aware that  
13 Doreen will be making your comments in the record at  
14 this point. If you would, please state your full name  
15 and your address and spell the last name.

16 MS. JENNIE SYLVESTER: My name is Jennie  
17 Sylvester, S-Y-L-V-E-S-T-E-R. Or Virginia. I live at  
18 528 East Del Rio in Tempe. So I live right off of  
19 College, so I'm in the College Avenue district.

20 I love the Orbit. I'm a full-time employee  
21 of ASU. I've lived in Tempe since 1980. I actually do  
22 have a very expensive parking decal at ASU. But I have  
23 only driven twice since January 15 by myself. And I've  
24 driven twice or maybe three times with my husband as a  
25 car-pooler because he's also full-time. Otherwise, I

1 don't think between us we've driven more than a handful  
2 of times.

3           It's been wonderful. I think that the  
4 buses are usually full when I -- or almost full. The  
5 kids that are riding to McKemy in the morning would be  
6 on there on their bikes, or their parents can be  
7 dropping them off. I'm a bike rider. I've almost --  
8 the parents that drive around McKemy and Broadmor are  
9 crazy drivers.

10           But the Orbit's been wonderful. We've  
11 ridden it downtown to go to dinner. I just wish there  
12 was a movie theater downtown. But we go to dinner. I  
13 had a conference, an out-of-town conference, with 40  
14 visiting librarians a week and a half ago. They were  
15 all put up at the Mission Palms -- I mean at the Twin  
16 Palms. I had them take the Orbit to my house. Imagine  
17 if all those people were in rental cars driving up and  
18 down College. It's been great.

19           I rode the Orbit here from work at 5:30.  
20 And as -- somewhere on College a mom got on the bus with  
21 her four children and came here to the library. They  
22 had their library books, and, you know, they could have  
23 been driving. And as we came around, it was, like, 20  
24 to 6:00. The traffic on Southern was awful. So I  
25 figured that 10 or 15 or 12 of us that were in that

1 Orbit, including the mom with four kids, we would have  
2 all been in cars driving either to this meeting or  
3 coming to the library or commuting or something.  
4 Imagine all those cars off the road. I don't know the  
5 numbers of the cars on College, but, to me, it seems  
6 like there's less traffic on College.

7 But I think it's great. And I don't want  
8 to take my full five minutes. Thanks.

9 MR. JORDAN: Okay. Yes.

10 MR. TOM ZEWSKI: Hi. My name's Tom Zeworski.  
11 Last name is Z -- as in zebra -- E-W-O-R-S-K-I, common  
12 spelling. I live at the corner of College and Del Rio.  
13 And so my wife and I, we see a lot of the traffic, the  
14 traffic issues. We've lived there for, like, 14 years  
15 now. Traffic on College has been a problem during that  
16 whole period of time.

17 We have been supporters of the bus before  
18 it started. We are still supporters of the bus. We  
19 took it down here as well. And hello, Neighbor. We got  
20 to meet many of our neighbors because of the bus. We  
21 got to meet them when we hosted kind of an Orbit kickoff  
22 at our house back in -- I believe it was the end of  
23 January.

24 It's been a great thing. I think it has  
25 slowed traffic down on College Avenue. Again, I have to

1 live with it, because I live right on the corner of  
2 College. It slowed it down. People seem to be  
3 respectful of my property when they're waiting for the  
4 bus. They're cordial. They're friendly. It has, I  
5 think, created a sense of community and enhanced,  
6 frankly, my experience as a resident in Tempe. I think  
7 it's a fantastic thing.

8 I'm always bragging about it to people I  
9 work with. Unfortunately, I work in Chandler. But on  
10 those instances that we have used it to go downtown --  
11 and we use it to go downtown, whether it's to dinner or  
12 just to kind of walk around -- it's been a fantastic  
13 thing.

14 People had expressed concerns about people  
15 parking in the neighborhoods. I have yet to see that.  
16 I don't think it's happening. And I've got to wonder  
17 why someone would park in our neighborhoods when they've  
18 got pretty secure parking right here at the library  
19 where they're not going to be ticketed. Their vehicle  
20 isn't going to be damaged, probably, for the most part.  
21 And it's just been a fantastic thing.

22 I think it has decreased traffic on  
23 College. And, again, I think people are generally  
24 slowing down. The bus drivers are very loved, I think,  
25 from what I can tell. I've seen any number of different

1 people, people from the neighborhood, people going to  
2 school, people going to work, young, old. You name it.  
3 It's a great cross-section of the community who uses it.  
4 People are upbeat. They're friendly.

5           You know, one time we did see a person who  
6 was inebriated in the back of the bus. But, frankly,  
7 I'd rather have him in the back of the bus than behind  
8 the wheel. And so sometimes you get what you get. But  
9 I think overall, we are incredibly in support of this  
10 particular bus, and I hope it -- I sure hope it  
11 continues. Thanks.

12           MR. RICK VULLO: Hi. My name is Rick Vullo, and  
13 I used to live at 2034 South College. V -- like Victor  
14 -- U-L-L-O. I'm in opposition to the bus. I've been in  
15 opposition to the bus for a long time. I'm still in  
16 opposition to the bus. Actually bought a house on  
17 another street because I don't want to see the bus go up  
18 and down College Avenue.

19           My house is right on College. I have a  
20 planter that's on College that is being used as a bus  
21 stop now. That's where everybody likes to sit to wait  
22 for the bus. We were told that there wasn't going to be  
23 bus stops, but there's little placard cards all along  
24 College, and I find it very ironic there's one right  
25 outside Presidential Estates, and that's where a lot of

1 people gather because that's where the placard is. And  
2 that gentleman who developed that actually wrote a  
3 letter in opposition to the bus. It's funny how that  
4 placard showed up right in front of his development of  
5 million dollars homes.

6 I think it's certainly has decreased  
7 traffic. I think that's a good thing. All the slides  
8 that were shown on how much money it was going to save,  
9 and this gentleman asked how much is it going to cost.  
10 \$10 million it's costing somebody to save us 600,000 in  
11 gas. I'm not a mathematician, but that doesn't make any  
12 sense to me.

13 And I have seen a big difference in the  
14 amount of people that walk up and down College. Not as  
15 many people walk up and down College because they're in  
16 the bus. I think everybody can use a little more  
17 exercise. Move the bus out to one of these other  
18 streets. There's enough traffic on College Avenue.  
19 It's bringing a lot more people into our neighborhood.  
20 That, frankly, we don't need.

21 Again, the property that I have on College  
22 has been vandalized. I don't know if it was people from  
23 the bus. It certainly has a lot more litter and people  
24 hanging out around my property. With five kids, I made  
25 the decision to move off of the street for the safety of



1 my kids and my family.

2 I'm in opposition. I think we need to move  
3 it out. I took the bus myself. It's very ironic that  
4 it goes through a lot of neighborhoods that maybe are  
5 not as expensive homes as some of these other areas, and  
6 it kind of almost purposely goes down these streets that  
7 have lower property values, and then it goes right down  
8 College because, I guess, that's the thoroughfare that  
9 Tempe wants. And I'm not going to stay quiet. I hate  
10 the idea. I hate the bus. And, hopefully, we can push  
11 it off to a different street. Thank you. No clapping.

12 MS. CAROLYN KIRKHAM: My name is Carolyn Kirkham,  
13 K-I-R-K-H-A-M. I live at 3129 South Orm, which is one  
14 block east of College, just north of Southern. And as a  
15 result of riding the Orbit, I've met some of my  
16 neighbors, like Jennie, who I see somewhat regularly  
17 coming back from ASU.

18 I ride the bus quite regularly. I wish I  
19 could say that I rode it as often as she does, but I  
20 have a need to go to meetings off site and need a car,  
21 etcetera, so I can't do that. But I have been able to  
22 use it to attend plays at Gammage, to go to events at  
23 Gammage Music Hall. I've taken the Orbit up into the  
24 College and Fifth Street area so that I can hike up a  
25 mountain. I think it's fabulous. I've taken it to the

1 grocery store, to the library. It's a wonderful thing.  
2 I wish that we'd had this opportunity years ago.

3 I enjoy being able to talk to people on the  
4 bus. I see that there is a certain amount of  
5 camaraderie among those who ride it. We've always got a  
6 story about what's happening here and there. It's a  
7 good thing. It's increasing our feelings towards our  
8 neighbors, and I think that's a very positive step.

9 MR. ROB SEMBRAT: My name is Rob Sembrat,  
10 S-E-M-B-R-A-T. And I live at 200 East Southern Avenue.  
11 It's just down at Chesapeake Condominiums, really close.  
12 College Avenue borders the Jupiter route. I just rode  
13 it recently. And, you know, I think it's fantastic. I  
14 mean, I'm a strong proponent for any sort of improvement  
15 of public transportation. I tend to ride the bicycle a  
16 lot myself. I just rode from Scottsdale Community  
17 College back down to Tempe today on the bicycle.

18 So just as a comment, I think some time ago  
19 some of the concern with the Jupiter route on College is  
20 that it would add to the congestion because you'd have  
21 these buses going up and down this road that weren't  
22 there before. But, you know, quite honestly, I had a  
23 hard time finding an Orbit bus unless I was looking for  
24 it. So I don't think it comes any more frequently than  
25 -- I mean I just don't think it causes any issues on

1 that road. I think every 15 minutes is good for it.

2 And, again, I don't think it contributes to  
3 any congestion. I don't think it contributes to any  
4 problems on the road. I think it's a good addition. I  
5 just don't see any issue with it. I just wanted to make  
6 that comment.

7 MR. GABRIEL JUDKINS: Hi. My name is Gabriel  
8 Judkins, J-U-D-K-I-N-S. I live at 2611 South Dorsey  
9 Lane, which is right on the Jupiter route over by Meyer  
10 Park. And so I'm not really part of the College Ave.  
11 area. But I did want to express my support the Jupiter  
12 route.

13 Our family's really benefited from it. We  
14 have two young kids, my wife and I, and we both work,  
15 and we hand off responsibility watching the kids. And  
16 we utilize the Jupiter to come here to the library. I  
17 have a nine-month-old in tow on sling and a two-year-old  
18 as well. And we really appreciate it because we have  
19 one car, and this allows us to not purchase a second car  
20 and to not make as many trips by car. We also utilize  
21 it to go to the pharmacy.

22 I work at ASU and I use it to drive to ASU  
23 on the Jupiter route there. And we're looking forward  
24 to utilizing it to go downtown to Mill Ave. and enjoy  
25 that.

1           Some suggestions that I have for the route  
2 is that we consider driving the Jupiter route a little  
3 bit later. I'd like to be able to see a movie downtown.  
4 There is a theater on Mill Avenue, and you can find it  
5 there. But I think the 10:00 o'clock ending is a little  
6 too soon to catch it, just before the end of the movie.

7           Also living next to Meyer Park and Meyer  
8 School, I'm very aware of concerns about parking and  
9 kids getting on and off and across the street safely.  
10 And I understand the reason for the "no stop" zones. We  
11 love living next to the school. No problems at all.  
12 The school kids are much better behaved than I was when  
13 I was that age. But I would like to add a comment that  
14 I believe that no stop zones should end right at the  
15 corner with Bishop on Dorsey and Bishop. And I think  
16 that's appropriate.

17           Again, I'm in strong support of it. I'd be  
18 really sad to see that go. My family wouldn't benefit  
19 from it as much. And I know there's many, many other  
20 benefits in the savings in gas that accrue to other  
21 people, even those that maybe don't live as close to the  
22 route as I do and utilize it as much. Thank you.

23           MS. TERI PETERS: My name is Teri Peters, last  
24 name, P-E-T-E-R-S. I live at 2323 South College, right  
25 across the street from McKemy.

1 I usually ride the Jupiter bus mostly at  
2 night because I do work up on Baseline and McClintock,  
3 and sometimes I don't get off work until, like, 8:00  
4 o'clock at night. So I do take one of the regular buses  
5 down and then get on the Orbit bus. It's a just a lot  
6 safer because it does get me within at least a block of  
7 my apartment as opposed to going down Mill to Broadmor  
8 and have to walk, like, three or four blocks through the  
9 school, which sometimes doesn't have enough lights.

10 So I do think it is a good addition. I  
11 have lived here for a long time, and I'm very glad that  
12 they do have it, and I hope they do keep at least the  
13 College Avenue part.

14 MR. FRED SAMUELSON: My name is Fred Samuelson,  
15 S-A-M-U-E-L-S-O-N. My wife and I live at 1136 East  
16 Fairmont Drive. In two days it will be 41 years we've  
17 lived in that house.

18 We've found the Jupiter route to be very  
19 beneficial to us. We enjoy the music program at ASU.  
20 And it's just a couple of blocks to come over here, get  
21 on the bus, go up to ASU, listen to the program, and  
22 ride the reverse bus back here. Leave our car here. So  
23 we are supporters of the system and of the route in  
24 particular. We wouldn't particularly care whether it  
25 goes up College or Mill as long as it gets us from here

1 at the library to ASU.

2 I do have two technical comments, though.  
3 One is the second on the question of the ending time.  
4 The last time you can board the back bus to get from  
5 Gammage to here is 9:56 p.m. We haven't had a problem  
6 with that yet. But it seems to me some of the programs  
7 at Gammage may extend to a point that you wouldn't be  
8 able to make it out unless you left the program early.

9 The other is when there is a large program  
10 at Gammage and it's time to egress that parking lot,  
11 they shut off the eastbound lane of Gammage Parkway,  
12 which is the road that's on the north side of Gammage.  
13 And if you ride from here to Gammage or the music  
14 building, you get off on the north side of that street.  
15 If you're going to come back, you get on the back  
16 version of the route on the south side of the street.  
17 But in many cases when there's a large program being  
18 dismissed at Gammage, they shut off the flow going east.  
19 And if riders don't know that, they can stand on that  
20 south side all night, and they're not going to have a  
21 Jupiter bus come by. So there needs to be some method  
22 to alert people who are getting off in that area that  
23 the route may not go back along the same street, and  
24 they'll either have to go onto Mill to catch the bus, or  
25 they'll have to go the other way and get on College to

1 get the bus and come back.

2                   We nearly fell into that trap ourselves one  
3 night, and it finally occurred to us that, hey, they're  
4 not going to come down this route. We've got to go  
5 somewhere else to catch the bus.

6           MS. CAROL BERG: My name is Carol Berg, and I'm  
7 at 2126 South Ventura. I realize that my property is  
8 not as close to the bus line as some, but I catch the  
9 bus right close to Broadmor Grade School.

10                   My experiences with the bus has been  
11 wonderful. I've done the whole entire route just to see  
12 where it went and did the library and the senior center.  
13 And being a senior citizen, this is important not only  
14 to me, but to my entire neighborhood, which is about 80  
15 percent of senior citizens. And some are handicapped.

16                   We had a homeowners' association -- or not  
17 a formal homeowners' association, but a neighborhood  
18 get-together -- on Sunday night, and we talked about the  
19 bus system. Everyone was highly supportive. It was a  
20 hundred percent riding of all the people who have  
21 attended, and there was at least 25 people there that  
22 had attended. One of our attendees is blind and with a  
23 dog. He finds it easier to use the Orbit system rather  
24 than using the city system on Rural because there's less  
25 traffic on College than on Rural for crossing the street

1 for his particular purposes.

2 We're all looking forward to the Light Rail  
3 and hope that we can expand our system.

4 If there is a monetary fare that's going to  
5 be used with the Orbit bus system, I don't -- I don't  
6 think that's outrageous. I think it would be -- if  
7 people feel that's important, I think that could be  
8 incorporated if it's a money issue.

9 The only individual who complained about  
10 the bus system was a bike rider. And he said he was  
11 angry because the Orbit bus was slower than he cared to  
12 ride his bike. I am also a bike rider, and I'm sick and  
13 tired of being ridden over by those aggressive bike  
14 riders. So, anyway, there's always a little contrary  
15 person here.

16 But, nevertheless, on the whole, everyone  
17 in our neighborhood -- I realize we're a little way from  
18 the line, but we do find it a real positive experience.  
19 Thank you.

20 MR. JAMES FOARD: My name is James Foard,  
21 F-O-A-R-D. I live at 533 East Del Rio Drive. And I  
22 spoke at the City Council meeting in favor of Jupiter.  
23 I was strongly in favor of it, and I'm even stronger  
24 tonight. Because at the time I spoke as a bike rider  
25 who would use it occasionally. And then quite



1 unexpectedly, December 21, I had what I was told was  
2 minor surgery. Didn't feel so minor. But that made  
3 bike riding rather difficult for me. And it has become  
4 just really essential for me to get to ASU and back.  
5 And I have used it regularly.

6 I find it not only convenient, but a  
7 delightful part of the day. I meet people. I meet  
8 neighbors I didn't know beforehand as well as many that  
9 I know but hardly ever see. And we have lots of fun  
10 conversations. And the drivers are friendly and nice.  
11 And it's just so much more pleasant than driving a car.  
12 So I, for one, would be in a very difficult situation,  
13 or at least I'd have to drive every day, if I did not  
14 have Jupiter.

15 It is heavily used, particularly during  
16 certain times of the day. There have been a couple of  
17 times I've wondered am I going to be the 24th person or  
18 something and be unable to get on the bus.

19 And I would also like to echo people who  
20 have spoken before me in saying that I'd like to extend  
21 the hours. I've found it particularly useful when I've  
22 had to go in very early or go downtown early for  
23 breakfast or stay late at night.

24 And, finally, I'd say I'm retiring in  
25 June -- yes -- and will join the people here who plan to

1 use it for all kinds of things.

2           One other story about it. And it actually  
3 involved Mars. But I used Jupiter to come down here,  
4 get on Mars, and went to the eye doctor to get my eyes  
5 dilated. And then instead of having to have somebody  
6 drive me to the eye doctor and drive me home -- I still  
7 had to have somebody drive me home, but it just made  
8 things much easier.

9           And I've found that to be the case in many  
10 small ways. But I think it's proven to be an even  
11 better service than I imagined. And it's just kind of  
12 fun. And so I strongly support it, and I think it  
13 should continue and even be expanded, particularly the  
14 hours if at all possible. Thank you.

15           MR. RICARDO HAUSER: Hello. My name is Ricardo  
16 Hauser, H-A-U-S-E-R. I live at 636 East La Jolla. And  
17 two words about Orbit. Love it. I love Orbit. You go  
18 down to Tempe, just take it in front of your house. It  
19 goes down to Tempe. Have lunch, library, go to the  
20 neighbor's. Just really love it. It's sad. It goes  
21 through a block too fast sometimes. But I just love the  
22 Orbit. And that's it.

23           MS. SHANNON LOGAN: My name's Shannon Logan,  
24 L-O-G-A-N. And I live at 1243 East Verlea Drive. We  
25 live a couple of blocks away from Meyers School off of

1 Dorsey.

2 And I'm strongly in favor of the Orbit.  
3 We're a family of six. We have one car. And it is so  
4 beneficial. I have two younger kids. My husband and I  
5 both work. And I can get the two younger ones to  
6 school. But to know that the Orbit is coming to the end  
7 of my street, picking up my two older girls, dropping  
8 them off at McClintock High School, and then bringing  
9 them home at the end of the day is a wonderful feeling.

10 My husband takes it to go downtown to Mill  
11 Avenue with the kids. My older girls go to Tempe  
12 Marketplace to the library. So I'm strongly, strongly  
13 in favor of it. Thank you.

14 MR. STEVE DEMPSEY: My name's Steve Dempsey. My  
15 wife Laura and I live at 2309 South El Camino Circle.  
16 That's just north of Broadmor, off east of College.

17 When we first found the Orbit Jupiter was  
18 going to run a block from our house, we were delighted.  
19 Couldn't wait for it to start. We became riders on the  
20 first day it operated. We've gone downtown to Mill  
21 Avenue out to dinner in the evening. It's usually how  
22 we take it. Sometimes on the weekend. We've had family  
23 visit who may have rented a car, but we were able to  
24 tell them, "There's a bus you can get on just a block  
25 from our house, go downtown, library, shopping." It was

1 a great benefit.

2 My wife Laura is looking forward to  
3 connecting with the Light Rail when that opens in  
4 December. And overall, we're just looking forward to  
5 continuing to use the Jupiter. Thanks a lot.

6 MS. MARY ANN CLARK: My name is Mary Ann Clark.  
7 I live at 2132 East Broadmor, but it's the Broadmor off  
8 of the Price Road and off of Country Club Way. I've  
9 been a resident of Tempe about 40 years. So there's  
10 been three generations of our family raised in this  
11 little town at one time. It's not a little town  
12 anymore.

13 I was always in favor of the Orbit when it  
14 was in the planning stage. And now that it's a reality,  
15 I'm even more in favor of it. And I think if you did a  
16 little study of demographics in age groups, perhaps the  
17 people that will use it the most will be the senior  
18 citizens, who at one time will have to give up their  
19 driving, but this goes to where we want to go, and then  
20 the young, the very young, and especially teenagers who  
21 are not driving. And so any time we can take cars off  
22 of the road, I'm in favor of it.

23 MR. PAUL KENT: Hi. I'm Paul Kent, K-E-N-T, 23  
24 East 15th Street, just north of the railroad tracks off  
25 of College.

1           And I have two takes on this. One is  
2 personal. My wife and I love the Orbit. We have two  
3 small kids, two and four. They absolutely love it.  
4 They know back and forward and Jupiter, Mars, and all  
5 that stuff. They love to take it down to Cookies and  
6 get ice cream. And tonight I actually am a Commissioner  
7 on the Development Review Commission, although I wasn't  
8 needed tonight because I'm an alternate. So I took the  
9 Orbit there to downtown Tempe. Then I wasn't needed, so  
10 I got back on the Orbit and came back down here so I  
11 could attend this meeting. So I use it quite  
12 frequently.

13           I'm also the Chair of the University Park  
14 Neighborhood Association. And recently we had a  
15 meeting. And on the agenda, amongst a number of things,  
16 was to get feedback on the Orbit. Overwhelming support.  
17 There were over 40 -- 42 or 44 attendees at our  
18 neighborhood association meeting. And overwhelming  
19 support for it from the residents. I think that's all I  
20 have to say.

21           MR. STEVEN GALE: Good evening, ladies and  
22 gentlemen. Welcome to this meeting. My name is Steven  
23 Gale. I have lived in Tempe for 45 years. And I love  
24 the Orbit myself. I love it so much I'm trying to get a  
25 job as a driver with the Orbit system.

1           When my family first heard about the Orbit,  
2 we decided we were going to like it because, like, it  
3 comes two blocks from where we live. We can board it.  
4 Like, I came to the library tonight to check my e-mail,  
5 and I found out this meeting was here. So I thought I'd  
6 come in and see what's going on. And since everybody is  
7 voicing their opinions, I might as well get up and have  
8 my say.

9           So I went to Marcos de Niza High School,  
10 and I went to McKemy Junior High, and I went to Evans  
11 Elementary. I went to Rural Elementary School. It used  
12 to be right there where the Fry's is, but they tore it  
13 down and built the shopping center. So I've lived here  
14 a long time, and my family, and we all love the Orbit.

15           And I'd like to see the Orbit expand their  
16 services into more buses, get all of the planets out  
17 there, because this is not a small city anymore, like  
18 the lady said before. This city has grown by leaps and  
19 bounds in the 40 years I've lived here. So I'd like to  
20 see them extend the service, get more buses, get all the  
21 planets out there so they can serve the entire  
22 community, and get them to where they can border the  
23 other cities that we're boxed in by, Phoenix, Mesa,  
24 Scottsdale, Chandler. You know? And that's all I have  
25 to say. I hope you guys like it as well as I do. Thank

1 you very much.

2 MR. VICTOR AGAJANIAN: Hello. My name is Victor  
3 Agajanian, A-G-A-J-A-N-I-A-N. And I live on 721 East  
4 Loyola Drive, which is fairly far from the route.

5 Philosophically, I'm a big supporter of the  
6 public transportation. I've taken the Orbit a couple of  
7 times. I don't think, frankly, I'll be a frequent user  
8 because I really prefer biking whenever I can, and I  
9 bike to work.

10 And this is not only -- this preference is  
11 not philosophical necessarily. It has to do with what I  
12 have noticed from my limited experience. It's what I  
13 would define irregularity of the schedule. You know,  
14 for those of us on tight schedule, when we want to be or  
15 need to be at a certain place a certain exact time and  
16 we don't want to be late, but at the same time we don't  
17 want to be early, it's really important to -- this  
18 predictability is really important.

19 In my past life, I lived in a big city, and  
20 when I would go to college, to the university, I'd have  
21 to take a bus and then transfer to subway and then walk.  
22 And I knew exactly how many minutes I would walk to the  
23 bus station, how many minutes I would wait for the bus,  
24 how many minutes the bus ride will be to the subway  
25 station, how many minutes I will wait in the bus -- at

1 the subway station for the train, how many minutes the  
2 train ride would take, and so on.

3 And from my experience, the way it is now,  
4 I think that's great form of leisure transportation, and  
5 it's important. But I think if it's possible, I would  
6 like to see it more predictable, more regular. And if  
7 you say 15 minutes, then it should be 15 minutes, say  
8 7:00, 7:15, 7:30. 7:31, I could take. I know we're not  
9 in Switzerland or Germany or other places of that sort.

10 But still again, if you want to really make  
11 it useful for people who work and have specific  
12 appointments and are on tight schedule, I think it's  
13 very important to invest in that part of a wonderful  
14 form of transportation. Thank you.

15 MS. MAUREEN KOBIEROWSKI: Hi. My name's Maureen  
16 Kobierowski. It's K-O-B -- as in boy --  
17 I-E-R-O-W-S-K-I. And my husband and I live at 121 East  
18 14th Street, which is just three houses west of College.

19 We really enjoy the Orbit. We're in full  
20 support of it. We have taken it just to go to movie  
21 theaters, to go to dinner, downtown Mill Avenue. Every  
22 time we have company in town, we have also had them take  
23 it.

24 We also did a kind of an Orbit kickoff with  
25 our neighborhood as well. And we had, you know, quite



1 an age range, which was great, from ages 25 to 65. And  
2 probably had about 14 people go. So this really also  
3 brought our neighborhood together. We live in  
4 University Park, which Paul Kent was up here and said  
5 our neighborhood is in full support of it.

6 And there was a lot of neighbors that, you  
7 know, also weren't able to be at that meeting. And they  
8 were all, you know, all the ones that live in our  
9 vicinity, we've also only heard really good things about  
10 it. I know that there has been a couple of comments in  
11 regards to people, you know, riding their bike a little  
12 bit less and taking the Orbit a little bit more. But  
13 I've still seen a really great amount of bikes and a lot  
14 less traffic on College.

15 And the other thing is in the summer when  
16 it's 112 degrees out or in the winter when it's 40  
17 degrees out, my husband and I love to go downtown, but  
18 we don't want to drive. It's fantastic to take the  
19 Orbit, because I'm not going to be riding my bike when  
20 it's that hot outside.

21 But we just think it's a really great  
22 thing, and I just wanted to say that we're definitely in  
23 full support of it. And also being close to College  
24 Street only three houses away, it's not been a problem  
25 for us at all. And we really look forward to keeping it

1 around. Thank you.

2 MS. ROSEMARY HARTMAN: My name is Rosemary  
3 Hartman, H-A-R-T-M-A-N. And I live at 613 East Balboa  
4 Drive.

5 And I'd also like to express my support for  
6 the Orbit. I really love it. I use it all the time. I  
7 go to -- I work at ASU, so it's really helpful to just  
8 hop on the Orbit and get to work. And, also, I use it  
9 to go downtown. I think I find that I end up going  
10 downtown more often because it's so convenient.

11 And I like the fact -- I love the color. I  
12 think the blue is really outstanding. And I also -- I  
13 like the fact that you see friends on it. That's kind  
14 of nice. I think it's promoting neighborliness,  
15 especially since we don't really have front porches  
16 anymore. Thanks.

17 MR. MARK PRY: My name is Mark Pry. That's P --  
18 as in Paul -- R-Y. I live at 315 East Balboa, which is  
19 three houses east of College.

20 I'm very much in support of the Orbit. My  
21 wife and I have been using it since the service began.  
22 But I want to speak as one of the neighborhood dog  
23 walkers who's been really an observer of the Orbit.  
24 Because I take my dog for two walks a day, one about  
25 7:30, 8:30 every morning and the other around 5:00 to

1 6:00 in the evening. And we often walk partly or almost  
2 entirely on College. So since the beginning of the  
3 service, I've been watching this thing go up and down,  
4 and people ride it twice a day almost every day that  
5 it's been in service. And it's been very interesting to  
6 watch.

7 And particularly in light of some of the  
8 complaints and concerns that were made early on when  
9 there was a lot of opposition to routing it on College.  
10 One of the things that people were concerned about was  
11 that all these people would come into our neighborhood  
12 from outside, park in our local streets, and get on the  
13 Orbit and ride away. If they're doing it, they're  
14 camouflaging their cars very well, because I've seen no  
15 evidence in any remarkable way that there are more cars  
16 around than there used to be.

17 If anything, the place where I see that  
18 happening is on Mill Avenue and Rural Avenue, where for  
19 quite a long time now, every since ASU started offering  
20 free bus passes, some students -- but it's only been a  
21 tiny number -- have been driving and parking near Mill  
22 and getting on the buses that run up there.

23 Another thing that's been very interesting  
24 to see is how the Orbit is helping to tame some of the  
25 speeders on College. As all of you who live near

1 College know, a lot of the people going to and from ASU  
2 really rocket up and down the street, particularly  
3 between Alameda and Southern. Well, I can't tell you  
4 how many times I've seen an Orbit proceeding at its  
5 leisurely pace down College with a whole trail of cars  
6 behind it, all of whom quite obviously would be driving  
7 much faster if that Orbit wasn't there. And if  
8 anything, I think the Orbit actually has -- irregardless  
9 of how many cars are there or not there, it's actually  
10 helped slow the traffic down some.

11           There is no doubt that you see people on  
12 the streets, particularly in the morning. But I think  
13 from what I've been able to see, one of the reasons that  
14 people may be congregating in front of the gentleman's  
15 house who spoke earlier is because of the "no stop"  
16 zone. It's particularly large by Broadmor and McKemy  
17 schools. And so, essentially, all the students who want  
18 to catch the bus are pushed out to only two stops. So  
19 you see a lot of the junior high schoolers are the ones  
20 usually waiting for the Orbit in front of that new  
21 subdivision. Because that's the closest stop southbound  
22 where you're allowed to board.

23           I personally don't really think the no stop  
24 zones make sense. But if they're going to be  
25 maintained, I'd like to see them compressed, and they

1 need to be clearly marked. Because early on, I was not  
2 picked up. I didn't know about it, and I tried too  
3 waive down the Orbit, and he drove right but. And I  
4 think at least once a week I see that happen to  
5 somebody. Because you have no way of knowing when you  
6 approach the signs exactly where the "no stop" zone  
7 begins or ends.

8 But what's really interesting is that when  
9 you go out on the street, you walk up and down College  
10 now, there are people there. They're getting off the  
11 Orbit. They're getting on the Orbit. They're waiting  
12 for the Orbit. They talk to each other. They greet  
13 each other. There's this definite neighborly feeling  
14 that wasn't there before. And I didn't really expect  
15 this. I've grown up in cities, been taking the buses  
16 off and on my whole life. And I've never seen anything  
17 quite like this. And it's really something that even  
18 the most hard core supporters, I think, didn't expect to  
19 see.

20 And then when you ride, you meet people you  
21 don't know. You talk to them. And I've been noticing a  
22 lot of people in our neighborhood going downtown on the  
23 Orbit, and many of these people in the past used to say,  
24 "Oh, I never go downtown. I don't like to drive. I  
25 don't like the traffic. I don't like to pay the

1 parking." And I would guess that the use of downtown  
2 Tempe by residents is increasing significantly because  
3 of the Orbit. A lot of people are going down who used  
4 to think, "Well, maybe we'll go somewhere else where we  
5 don't have to deal with the traffic."

6 So as the official dog-walker observer of  
7 the Orbit on College Avenue, I think it's been nothing  
8 but a blessing for the community.

9 MS. MARGARET YALE: Margaret Yale, Y-A-L-E, 304  
10 Geneva, right down College on Geneva.

11 Just wanted to let you know that we have  
12 noticed a little bit of garbage left when they sit down  
13 on the -- there's a little ledge, like a fenced area.  
14 And people can sit there, wait for the Orbit, and they  
15 tend to leave some garbage. I've cleaned it. So just  
16 wanted to let them know that.

17 Other than that, that's about it. No real  
18 complaints. I mean, I've ridden it myself once, and it  
19 was fun. And I would like to see them extend the hours  
20 for the Gammage people who let them out, because it  
21 would be very nice to be able to ride. I was out one  
22 time a little bit later, and I walked all the way up to  
23 Broadway. And by that time, it had come, but I was on  
24 the phone with somebody else and they came to pick me  
25 up. So if they can kind of work out a schedule for the

1 people who get out of Gammage. I don't know what times  
2 and so forth, but something to that effect.

3 MR. JORDAN: Okay. Any other takers? I want to  
4 thank everyone for sharing their perspectives from all  
5 sides of the issue. We really appreciate that. Even  
6 for those who have concerns, there's always ways to  
7 pragmatically try to address those, get some solutions.

8 We still have a court reporter outside. If  
9 you would feel more comfortable speaking one-on-one,  
10 she'll be out there until the end of the meeting. So  
11 you can do that as well.

12 With that, we can kind of move to a more  
13 general discussion or question-and-answer if that's what  
14 everybody wants to do, or we can conclude now. It's  
15 really up to you. I'll pull a chair up.

16 (Whereupon, a discussion off the record was  
17 had.)

18 (The proceedings concluded at 7:49 p.m.)  
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1 (Whereupon, the following public comments  
2 were held outside the general meeting, commencing at  
3 6:06 p.m.:)

4 MS. WHITE: I'm Volnee White. I live in  
5 the University Heights Neighborhood. And there was a  
6 neighborhood meeting last week, and it was brought up as a  
7 comment on it, and apparently someone had asked if -- what  
8 the neighborhood thought of it. And about the 40 people  
9 who were there unanimously agreed that it was -- it was  
10 not a negative voice about it. And I wanted to pass that  
11 on. Maybe other people who will be here tonight to do  
12 that.

13 But I have ridden it. I have ridden both  
14 the Jupiter, forward and backward; and the one that goes  
15 out to the mall, the new mall, which I think is Earth  
16 Orbiter, and found them delightful, and the people who  
17 drive them absolutely the most pleasant, kind people  
18 ever.

19 MR. WHITE: I'm Ed White. I live on  
20 14th Street. And I just think it's terrific. It really  
21 makes the whole community seem like it's in the  
22 21st Century. And I just think, again, it's an excellent,  
23 excellent service.

24 MS. WHITE: And he's a biker, so he enjoys  
25 the parts that he can put his bike on if he gets tired.



1 I don't know if it has anything to do with  
2 it or not, but what I have found on it, it gives me 20 to  
3 30 minutes to read.

4 MR. STRANG: David Strang. I'm a strong  
5 supporter of Jupiter. I've used it -- I've lost track of  
6 how many times -- going downtown for lunch, go to meetings  
7 downtown. It's been prompt 99 percent of the time. And I  
8 believe it adds a great deal to our community.

9 And I did some checking, and I'm thrilled  
10 to death it appears, to last month, close to 44,000 people  
11 boarded. And I think that's extremely promising.

12 MR. JOHNSON: Pen Johnson. 333 East  
13 15th Street.

14 Basically I'm a big supporter of the Orbit  
15 Jupiter. I think it's a great thing to have for the  
16 neighborhood. I have seen nothing but positive results,  
17 so far. I've been riding it and find it convenient. I  
18 guess that's about it.

19 MR. HERING: My name is Larry Hering,  
20 H-E-R-I-N-G, 2003 East LaJolla, L-A J-O-L-L-A, Drive,  
21 Tempe, 85282.

22 I'm just going to preface this by outlining  
23 eight or nine different areas of concern.

24 First thing is I'd like to see published,  
25 to the citizens of the City of Tempe, the cost per

1 passenger mile for the Orbit Mars bus to operate.

2                   From my perspective, I live right off of  
3 Country Club Way. It has devaluated my property value.  
4 There is noise created by these buses. They're brand new  
5 and they're already beginning to rattle. So I hear a box  
6 bus rattling down the street. And it goes by my home at  
7 least every five to ten minutes.

8                   I believe there's additional danger that's  
9 being created by the bus. For example, I live off of  
10 Country Club Way. And there's cars on both sides of the  
11 street on Country Club Way now, because the City of Tempe  
12 has elected to turn the city of Tempe -- has elected to  
13 turn the city into dorms for ASU students. So we have  
14 four and five cars per house.

15                   And just north or just south of Southern  
16 and north of the school, off of Country Club Way, we have  
17 at least four or five homes that have three to five cars  
18 per home. Those cars, when parked on the street, create a  
19 hazard with -- when you add the bus because the bus is  
20 going between them and you're trying to back out all at  
21 the same time and it creates an obvious danger.

22                   We find that kids from the Ward School,  
23 12 year olds get on the bus, ride it one block, and get  
24 off at their home on Country Club, which seems to be  
25 absurd to us.

1 I have watched the bus for several months  
2 now, from a capacity standpoint, and very seldom find it  
3 at 10 percent capacity. And late in the evenings, 9:00  
4 and 10:00 at night, you're lucky to see one, two, or three  
5 people, ever, on it.

6 In conclusion, I'm in the Orbit Mars area.  
7 And while I did miss one meeting, there were no other  
8 meetings ever sent to my home, nor to my neighbors, after  
9 I've contacted my neighbors, questioning them of that  
10 fact. And I've now arrived at the Orbit Jupiter  
11 neighborhood meeting, finding that the Orbit Mars meeting  
12 has already been -- or was supposedly conducted, which I  
13 had no knowledge of, in the past, and Orbit Mars has been  
14 approved.

15 And the input tonight for Orbit Jupiter is  
16 strictly by a court reporter, which is what I have just  
17 done.

18 Thank you for your time.

19 MR. KILE: Bill Kile, K-I-L-E, 3716 South  
20 Country Club Way.

21 I agree 100 percent with Larry Hering,  
22 which is the neighbor. I'm concerned about the expense of  
23 the vehicle, the wages on holidays, and 12-hour days of  
24 driving this bus, and the -- the roads -- the wear and  
25 tear on our streets, and our taxes -- what it's doing for

1 our taxes to operate this type of situation. That's all.

2 MR. CAVES: Randy Caves, C-A-V-E-S, 1959  
3 East LaJolla Drive, Tempe, 85282.

4 Basically, the same concern. This is the  
5 first circular I've ever gotten. I've lived in my home  
6 for nine years. Was not aware that our little bus even  
7 had a name. So same as the other gentleman, low occupancy  
8 or low ridership on the buses that I see around my  
9 neighborhood, the increased volume of traffic it brings,  
10 and/or two-lane streets.

11 And the bus driver takes their breaks  
12 because there's nobody on the bus. So they're sitting  
13 there for five minutes, idling away -- never seen them  
14 turn off their buses. My tax dollars -- especially on  
15 this route -- I don't know about any other routes -- is  
16 not being well spent. Wear and tear on the roads,  
17 increased traffic.

18 And I think it's just a general hazard with  
19 nobody riding on it, considering one block over you have  
20 the main bus line going pretty much the same way it's  
21 going.

22 And I was talking to Carlos. He said make  
23 sure you have my -- and my phone number -- he wanted my  
24 phone number. It's (602) 571-1609. I would like to be  
25 notified of the next transportation commission meeting or

1 committee meeting -- that is supposed to be held on  
2 May 13th -- because I'd like to attend that and address my  
3 grievances then too.

4 MS. LaMANTIE: Gloria LaMantie,  
5 L-a-M-a-n-t-i-e. I would like to be notified of that  
6 meeting on May 13th also.

7 1128 East Malibu Drive. (480) 839-9100.

8 I'm concerned because my understanding was  
9 that this service was at the bus stops. And I was with  
10 two students at the Terrace and Southern bus stop, and two  
11 Orbits went by, and we were waving. And when we got to  
12 the Tempe Library, they said that they don't have to stop  
13 if it's a traffic hazard.

14 And I said, But it's a bus stop.

15 And they said -- and this was at 7 p.m. at  
16 night, so there was not like any backup of the traffic or  
17 anything. The drivers were very argumentative. And there  
18 was another person on the particular one we were on. And  
19 he was having questions and he was getting angry. And the  
20 bus driver had no knowledge of how to de-escalate someone  
21 who is in anger mode.

22 And I don't know what kind of training they  
23 have, but we would -- I experienced only two, this was my  
24 first time. And I've experienced two different drivers  
25 and I would say that they were not professional.

1                   They also told me that at the bus stop,  
2 unless it's actually signed with a sign that says that it  
3 has the Orbit service, that they don't have to stop  
4 there. And that was not my understanding.

5                   And so -- and I'm also interested, unless I  
6 can't understand this map correctly, why there isn't any  
7 service to the new Tempe Cultural Center, which is  
8 basically at Hardy and Rio Salado. I don't see any -- so  
9 I don't know if I can't read the map right or not.

10                  So to me, you know, one of the things I was  
11 interested in is going in the evenings to the different  
12 cultural activities. And so I'm disappointed that that's  
13 not one of the main things and there's no service there.

14                  MS. HERING: Hanne Hering, H-a-n-n-e. I  
15 live off of Country Club Way and LaJolla. I'm in the Mars  
16 area.

17                  I just wanted to say that, you know, I  
18 think it's a good program, but I think it needs to be put  
19 in an area where there's a lot of population.

20                  This is a residential home area. The  
21 people are a little older. There is not -- you know, they  
22 have to bus kids in toward -- and then there's a few kids  
23 that -- that catch the Mars bus to go to their home.

24                  There's a bus driver that guns -- guns it,  
25 you know? And to me, that's more gas.

1                   They go seven days a week, on holidays. So  
2 we don't even have a peaceful holiday because they're just  
3 whizzing on by.

4                   I think it would best suit -- because we're  
5 on a dead end, it would best suit an area for where  
6 there's condos or apartment houses or something; where  
7 there's younger people that, you know, want -- need to go  
8 different places and they don't want to drive their cars  
9 or whatever it is -- you know, where there's a lot of  
10 intense population.

11                  And in our area there's, you know, I do  
12 truly believe that the people in the middle of the block,  
13 they have no clue that this is even going on.

14                  I don't see elderly people walking to go to  
15 Country Club Way, waiting to get on this bus. I see a lot  
16 of real young kids using this bus, which I think is --  
17 is -- it's not right, as far as I'm concerned.

18                  And like I said, Ward School has four big,  
19 huge buses that look like they're the size of a football  
20 field. And if those kids can't walk a block and a half to  
21 their homes from Ward, then they should get on the school  
22 bus and let the school, you know, take them to their  
23 homes, instead of this Orbit bus that goes around and  
24 around and around.

25                  And if there are a lot of people that are

1 going on it, I don't know where they're at, because when  
2 they're going past my house, I see one or two or three  
3 people all day long. And that's about it. And maybe two  
4 or three in the evening.

5 And the pollution is terrible, you know?  
6 You've got the pollution. You've got the smell on these  
7 buses.

8 I think it's a great idea. But I think  
9 it's the wrong area. And it just kind of goes around in a  
10 circle and there's just hardly anyone on it at all.  
11 That's all I have to say.

12 MR. DASE: Larry Dase, D-A-S-E. 342 East  
13 Concorda Drive, C-O-N-C-O-R-D-A -- live right off of  
14 College.

15 So we -- my wife and I walk down and catch  
16 the Jupiter bus to go to Gammage in Downtown Tempe, and  
17 take the other way to the library and the grocery store  
18 and the drugstore and all of that. I think it's great, we  
19 love it. And I hope it keeps coming up and down College.

20 We have a friend who lives in Tucson who  
21 has macular degeneration, and he rode it with us in  
22 January. And he made the comment that he'd like to, when  
23 he retires in a few years, move up to our neighborhood,  
24 primarily because of these neighborhood-circulated buses,  
25 because he said, you know, once he's blind, sitting in his



1 neighborhood in Tucson, he has nothing. He'd have to pay  
2 somebody to drive him, but here he can have a life and get  
3 around, and you know, enjoy retirement a little bit.

4 So I think it's fantastic. Strongly in  
5 favor of keeping it on College.

6 MR. SCHMIDT: Leo Schmidt, S-C-H-M-I-D-T.  
7 The sound is not that great in there, and with my hearing  
8 aids -- and some of the other people are going like that  
9 also.

10 Now, who do we need to talk to, to maybe  
11 get the Orbit route expanded? Maybe I can talk to Greg in  
12 there, and see who we need to about expanding one of the  
13 routes.

14 We've got a two block area on Rivera, from  
15 Newbury -- from Kenneth to Banarton. And on that street  
16 we've got two blind people. We've got maybe, oh, at least  
17 15, 18 retired people. Some of them can't drive anymore.  
18 Some of them are still driving and shouldn't be driving.

19 And I think it would be kind of nice if  
20 they could maybe somehow expand that route from Laguna,  
21 down Oak, to Hermosa, and then jog in there and get the  
22 two blocks on Rivera, and then back out on Rural or  
23 Southern.

24 MR. SWIFT: Aaron Swift, S-W-I-F-T.  
25 1221 East Broadmore.

1 I would like the Orbit to run later,  
2 especially on the weekends, until 2 or 3 o'clock in the  
3 morning, but run less frequently there. So run later, but  
4 less frequently.

5 MS. WINKLER: Roxie, R-O-X-I-E, Winkler,  
6 W-I-N-K-L-E-R. 719 East LaJolla Drive, Tempe.

7 Bill and I, my husband, we just love the  
8 bus and we want to see it stay around. We don't want it  
9 to leave. We've ridden it. We haven't ridden as much as  
10 some of the other people, but we will be riding it more  
11 and we certainly do like it.

12 MR. WINKLER: Oh, and how. It's wonderful.

13 MS. WINKLER: Thank you, very much.

14 DR. WILT: My name is Dr. Glenn Wilt, Jr.  
15 I live at 1630 South College Avenue in Tempe, directly  
16 across the Daley Park.

17 I am the longest tenured faculty member in  
18 the School of Business at ASU. I've been there 45 years.  
19 And the Orbit is the first thing, I think, that has been  
20 happening in the City of Tempe that I just totally approve  
21 of. I'm very used to finding the bus.

22 And the only complaint that I have about it  
23 is that sometimes it comes 30 seconds after I arrive at  
24 the bus stop, so I haven't had to wait hardly at all.

25 I have been very pleased with the service.

1 The bus drivers are friendly. And I've encouraged my  
2 fellow professors and students, who have gotten back to me  
3 with their positive responses, to take the bus.

4                   Everybody that I've ever come across has  
5 been pleased with the service and the extent to which they  
6 can go throughout the city of Tempe, in places that they  
7 have hardly ever visited. And I say this from an economic  
8 standpoint, as a concluding remark, with the gas  
9 approaching four dollars per gallon, this is an wonderful  
10 economic event for the citizens of Tempe.

11                   MR. GALE: My name is Steve Gale, G-A-L-E.  
12 307 East Hermosa Drive, Tempe, Arizona 85282-5316. Been  
13 there 45 years.

14                   My mom and dad bought the house. My mom  
15 died a few years ago. My dad's still alive and  
16 unfortunately at 50 years old, I still live at home. I've  
17 been through -- I've had a rough-life. I've had three  
18 marriages, lost one wife, lost a daughter, raised six  
19 kids.

20                   So anyway, I spoke earlier about liking the  
21 Orbit because -- I like it so well I just want to become a  
22 driver for it. I did drive for Mesa Unified School  
23 District for 11 months.

24                   And I wanted to tell him that they can put  
25 GPS systems in the Orbit buses -- because I used to also

1 drive for Swift Transportation for three months, and we  
2 had GPS systems and satellite systems in our  
3 tractor-trailers. So I just wanted to make that comment.  
4 I can't tell you the cost because I'm not good when it  
5 comes to financial stuff. But I know it can be done.

6                   So just find a place -- and in our  
7 tractor-trailers -- in our tractors, we had a storage  
8 space that was just extra storage space. They put the  
9 satellite thing there. And we had a gear-master thing up  
10 here on our dashboard to tell us if we went into overspeed  
11 or how many times our door opened and all kinds of  
12 information.

13                   This is a good thing for the community and  
14 we need to keep it going.

15                   (The comments held outside the general  
16 meeting concluded at 7:49 p.m.)

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